

H. Res. 660

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

June 21, 2004.

Whereas on May 18, 2004, Randy Johnson of the Arizona Diamondbacks became only the 17th pitcher in Major League Baseball history to throw a perfect game;

Whereas at age 40 Randy Johnson is the oldest pitcher in Major League Baseball history to throw a perfect game;

Whereas Randy Johnson is only the 5th pitcher in Major League Baseball history to throw no-hitters in both the American and National Leagues;

Whereas throughout his 17 years in Major League Baseball, Randy Johnson has won a World Series, been named World Series co-MVP, thrown 2 no-hitters, won Cy Young Awards in both the American and National Leagues, and set multiple strikeout records, trailing only Nolan Ryan, Roger Clemens, and Steve Carlton on the all-time strikeout leaders list;

Whereas by pitching a perfect game Randy Johnson joins an elite class of pitchers that spans the ages and includes some of the all-time baseball greats, including John Ward of the Providence Giants, John Richmond of the Worcester Brown Stockings, Cy Young of the Boston Pilgrims, Addie Joss of the Cleveland Indians, Charlie Robertson of the Chicago White Sox, Don Larsen of the New York

Yankees, Jim Bunning of the Philadelphia Phillies, Sandy Koufax of the Los Angeles Dodgers, Catfish Hunter of the Oakland Athletics, Len Barker of the Cleveland Indians, Mike Witt of the California Angels, Tom Browning of the Cincinnati Reds, Dennis Martinez of the Montreal Expos, Kenny Rogers of the Texas Rangers, David Wells of the New York Yankees, and David Cone of the New York Yankees;

Whereas during his perfect game Randy Johnson threw only 117 pitches, 87 of which were strikes, struck out 13 of the 27 hitters he faced, and had his last pitch clocked at 98 miles per hour; and

Whereas Randy Johnson is considered one of the best pitchers in baseball today, and his perfect game only adds to his impressive list of accomplishments and his reputation as one of the dominant pitchers in baseball history: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates Randy Johnson of the Arizona Diamondbacks on pitching a perfect game on May 18, 2004; and

(2) recognizes Randy Johnson for a brilliant career.

Attest:

Clerk.